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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. WE REGRET DELAY IN ANSWERING
QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTEL.

2. PARA 6 OF MOSCOW 10966 AND PARAS 6 & 7 OF MOSCOW 11270
HAVE ALREADY BEEN ANSWERED IN STATE 190832.

3. RE CONFERENCES DISCUSSED IN MOSCOW 11075, WE AGREE THAT
SIVACHEV IS THE LOGICAL CANDIDATE FOR THE BELMONT
CONFERENCE. SUGGEST THE EMBASSY INQUIRE WHETHER HE WOULD
BE ABLE TO ATTEND. IF HIS SCHEDULE DOES NOT PERMIT, WE
WOULD REQUEST KASATKINA RATHER THAN ZASURSKIY. BEGIN
CONFIDENTIAL. FYI, OBTAINING A VISA FOR ZASURSKIY COULD
PROBABLY BE DONE, BUT WOULD BE DIFFICULT. END CONFIDENTIAL.

4. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO
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EMBASSY'S OMINEES FOR OBSERVERS AT THE SMITHSONIAN

CONFERENCE (PARA 3 MOSCOW 11075). LIST DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE ESPECIALLY DISTINGUISHED, THOUGH WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE EMBASSY STRIVING TO USE SOVIETS ALREADY IN THE U.S. THE

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE IS NOW CONSIDERING THE NOMINATIONS, AND WE WILL ADVISE EMBASSY WHEN WE HAVE THEIR DECISION.

5. RE PROPOSED EXCHANGE WITH YEREVAN, CU CALLED ARAM ARAX AND LEARNED THAT HE DOES NOT REPRESENT CALIFORNIA STATE AT FRESNO BUT IS INTERESTED IN EXCHANGES WITH YEREVAN. ARAX HAS VERY LITTLE KNOWLEDGE OF HOW TO GO ABOUT INITIATING SUCH AN EXCHANGE, AND CU WILL BE WRITING HIM WITH BACKGROUND INFORMATION. WE ALSO LEARNED FROM ARAX THAT SOVCONGEN ZINCHUK IN SAN FRANCISCO IS INTERESTED IN THE FRESNO-YEREVAN CONNECTION. ROBINSON

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